

# City of Minneapolis Policy on Creating a Healthy Food Environment

Procedures

Forms

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**Synopsis** Updates the current policy to create and foster an environment that ensures access to healthy foods as defined in the Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities and meets Fitwel designation standards for Food Services.

**History:**      **Council Approval Date:**      **Last Revision Date:**

**Links to Related Regulations:**

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## I. Policy Statement

The City of Minneapolis is committed to creating and fostering an environment where all employees, visitors, and partners will have access to healthy food and beverage choices. Poor nutrition contributes to diet related chronic conditions, including diabetes and obesity. This policy supports the City's own goals where healthy choices are easy and economical, while demonstrating a commitment to the health of all City partners, contractors, and visitors.

It is the policy of the City of Minneapolis to support efforts to reduce the availability of low nutrient food choices, to increase healthy choice options, and to promote a healthy food environment.

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The Wellness Committee, in partnership with the Department of Health, is authorized to develop and maintain procedures to implement and support this policy and is in alignment with the *Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities*<sup>1</sup>, which is based on the *USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

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<sup>1</sup> Food Service Guidelines Federal Workgroup. Food Service Guidelines for Federal Facilities. Washington, DC. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; 2017. Available online: [https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/downloads/guidelines\\_for\\_federal\\_concessions\\_and\\_vending\\_operations.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/downloads/guidelines_for_federal_concessions_and_vending_operations.pdf)